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DDR Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin
 Report of 4 October 1951 to SCC, concerning new freight car and coach
 construction and deliveries as of 30 September 1951

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The procurement of railroad cars in 1951

provisional status of
 railroad cars as of 30 September 1951.

Type	Ordered	Delivered in September	Provisional Delivery Date
Box cars	880	20	50X1-HUM
Coal dust freight cars	40	6	October-November 1951
Chalk freight cars	200	40	October-November 1951
Refrigerator cars for meat	200	39	October 1951
OTm-cars	50	-	December 1951
Gg-cars 50 tons	3	-	December 1951

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Type	Ordered	Delivered in September	Provisional Delivery Date	50X1-HUM
Oo-cars 50 tons	3	-	December 1951	
Double-deckers	36	-	November 1951 - January 1952	
Express train cars	36	-	November-December 1951	
Pp-flatcars 70 tons	300	-	First quarter 1952	

There are still some difficulties to overcome in the manufacture of the 3 Og and Oo cars. The materials lacking are the following: longitudinal girders UHP 24 (5.9 tons), sheet iron 12 mm (4.6 tons), and angle iron 2.5 tons.

On 1 October a meeting took place in the Main Department for Vehicle Construction, Ministry for Machine Construction

on the delivery of double-decker and express trains. deliveries of both types of cars would be completed this year. According to the latest information from the VVB Loma, VEB Waggonbau Görlitz (2 October 1951), drawings for the double-deckers will be completed by the middle of October. The greatest difficulty as far as material supply is concerned, is the procurement of thick sheet iron of 15, 10 and 20 mm and thin sheet iron of 1, 1.5, 2 and 2.5 mm. Waggonbau Görlitz has at the moment the following material:

For frames for Caboose (Schlusswagen) - 3, for medium cars - 4

For side walls for cabooses " - 2, " " " - 5

Sheet metal for roofs for cabooses " - 1, " " " - 4

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despite present difficulties, the delivery of the 36 double-deckers and the 36 express cars was feasible this year. The actual state of construction is as follows:

The lower structures of 2 double-deckers have been completed at Waggonbau Görlitz.

The skeleton frameworks of 6 express train cars are ready at VVB Loma, VEB Waggonbau Bautzen.

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The plans for the 6-axled Pp flatcars, which were being constructed to conform with the altered load, were revised in a discussion on 24 September 1951, as suggested by Director General Erwin Kramer. Waggonbau Görlitz will produce by 10 October a new project and a revised construction for the removable sides. The supply requirements of Waggonbau Görlitz will be submitted separately. The gathering of information concerning ordered railroad car material will be continued. It will be possible to make a more exact survey of the situation with regard to orders at the end of the month.

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